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**PATENT** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Amitava Guha and William D. Nielsen, Jr.			)	Examiner: Nicole Coy
Serial No.:		09/387,894	)	Art Unit: 1742
Filed:		September 1, 1999	)	-
For:	IMPROVED DIES FOR DIE CASTING ALUMINUM AND OTHER METALS		)	Attorney Docket No.: 20721/04404

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action of May 14, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 4, 13 and 14.

Amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. A tool for contacting a molten metal at elevated temperature, wherein the tool is made from an underaged Ni-Be alloy containing about 1.0 to less than 3.0 wt.% Be.

Add the following new claims:

15. In an apparatus for die casting metal parts from a metal selected from the group consisting of aluminum, aluminum alloy, magnesium, magnesium alloy, copper, copper alloy,